

Application Serial No. 09/494,067 - Filed January 28, 2000

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-19, and 21-42 were pending. Claim 37-42 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 22, 25, 28 and 34 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-19, and 21-36 are pending.

This Supplemental Amendment is provided in order to expedite allowance of the present application. Applicant has amended the claims to bring all claims into condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action dated December 29, 2003.

In the Office Action dated December 29, 2003, the Examiner allowed claims 4-6, 17-19, and 29-31. In the present Supplemental Amendment, Applicant's amendments included in the Amendment and Response filed March 29, 2004, have been reversed to generally restore them to their state at the time of the above referenced Office Action. In addition, the allowed claims (4-6, 17-19, and 29-31) remain and the remaining claims have been amended to depend upon the allowed claims.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any questions or comments, or believe any issues remain, the below signed representative requests a telephone interview (512) 853-8866 in order to expedite allowance.


Application Serial No. 09/494,067 - Filed January 28, 2000

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5266-09800/RDR.

Respectfully submitted,



Rory D. Rankin
Reg. No. 47,884
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT(S)

Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin,
Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C.
P.O. Box 398
Austin, TX 78767-0398
Phone: (512) 853-8800

Date: 10/29/04